

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2015
Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level
5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Anna Cano Morales called the meeting to order promptly at 5:30 PM and called the roll. Present were Sonia Grace, Stephanie Gonzalez, and Hugo Figueroa. Absent were Diosa Martinez, Ana-Cecilia Rosado, and Ron Pitt.
- II. Pledge – Mr. Silvia led the pledge.
- III. Recognition of the Unified Warriors Division I, 2nd Place Champions 2015 – Coach Manny Silva introduced the Unified team members in attendance. The partners in attendance were also introduced. Ms. Cano Morales extolled the commitment and enthusiasm of the group and lauded their success across numerous years and especially this year as the team placed second in Division I. Everyone gathered for a team picture as applause resounded throughout the conference room.
- IV. Approval of the meeting minutes of May 12, 2015 - A motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2015, was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried. (4,0)
- V. Explanation of personnel displacements and Spring Mutual Consent protocol and dates – Dr. Gallo explained the need to reduce staff and how the displacements resulted in the movement of a few teachers this year. In the end the District would be laying off four teachers. The Spring Mutual Consent process begins on May 27th and concludes round one at noon on June 1, 2015.
- VI. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirements, including resolutions for Uncertainty of Funds, Enrollment, and Program Change (non-tenured) - A motion to approve the attached resolution, was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried. (4,0). Another motion to approve other personnel items (also attached), was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace. Motion carried. (4,0)
- VII. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget - A motion to approve the payment of bills, was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion carried. (4,0)

- VIII. Second Reading: Dual Enrollment Policy, with revisions, whereby high school students may enroll in college level classes for credit - A motion to approve the Dual Enrollment Policy, was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace. During the discussion the pertinent additions were noted. The Trustees liked the definitions and additional text. Motion carried. (4,0)
- IX. Public Comment- There was no public comment.
- X. Superintendent Comment –Dr. Gallo noted that Mr. Capellan was away. Dr. Gallo informed the Trustees that Meghan Hollibough Baker, Assistant Principal at Calcutt Middle School was awarded a Doctorate from JWU over the Memorial Day weekend. The Trustees were pleased and offer congratulations. Dr. Gallo also informed the Trustees of the great achievement of a visual impaired student of whom they are all familiar who will be working at a paying job this summer as a camp counselor for young girls in similar situations. Dr. Gallo stated this was a proud moment for the teen’s family as well as for the staff who have worked so diligently with her. Lastly, Dr. Gallo informed the Board of a grant application from the Gates Foundation which could prove extremely beneficial to the Innovation Lab , RIC’s School of Education, and the state in general. Dr. Gallo stated that the Innovation Lab would be reviewing the application and determining if and when they would submit an application for the grant entitled, Teacher Preparation Centers.
- XI. Board Comment – The Trustees shared calendars and tried to determine a June date for the next Board meeting. No date was determined.
- XII. A motion for Executive Session, under RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) that this body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. A roll call was taken. All agreed. (4,0)
- A motion to come out of executive session and seal the minutes was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. A roll call vote was taken. All approved. (4,0)
- XIII. Next Scheduled Meeting: On June 3rd at 4:30 PM a special executive session will be called in order to solicit legal advice.
- XIV. Adjournment - At 7 PM, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Figueroa, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez.